



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 5  
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD  
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

WC-15J

MEMORANDUM

**SUBJECT:** CWA Section 308 Information Request; East Chicago Sanitary District

**FROM:** Melissa Hulting, Environmental Scientist *MLH*  
Water Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Branch

**THROUGH:** Barbara VanTil, Chief *BV*  
Water Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Section 1

**TO:** Patrick F. Kuefler, Chief  
Water Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Branch

The purpose of the attached Section 308 Information Request is to assess whether East Chicago Sanitary District (ECSD) is in compliance with the Clean Water Act prohibitions against sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) and combined sewer overflows (CSOs).

On March 20, 2013, EPA issued a Section 308 Information Request to ECSD to determine if ECSD has adequate capacity, sufficient preventative maintenance, and enforceable mechanisms in place to prevent SSOs. On August 2, 2013, ECSD responded to the request in writing, but the information received from that request did not provide sufficient detail. EPA is issuing this Section 308 Information Request to obtain updated and more detailed information relating to locations and causes of SSOs and CSOs, preventative maintenance, and ECSD's response to overflows.

The Information Request is recommended to obtain information that will support WECAB's efforts to meet the goals of the SSO Strategy. By using Information Requests rather than on-site inspections, it is hoped that transaction costs of the evaluation will be reduced for both the respondent and EPA.

Attachments

**CERTIFIED MAIL/EMAIL ADDRESS FORM**

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Mr. Gregory Crowley, Director of Utilities  
East Chicago Sanitary District  
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East Chicago, IN 46312

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CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Gregory Crowley, Director of Utilities  
East Chicago Sanitary District  
5201 Indianapolis Boulevard  
East Chicago, IN 46312

Subject: Information Request  
Issued Pursuant to Section 308(a) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1318(a)  
Docket No. V-W-16-308-11

Dear Mr. Crowley:

Protecting water quality is a high priority of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Pollutants such as bacteria discharged to waterways from sewer overflows contribute to poor water quality and impairment of uses of those waterways. As authorized by the Clean Water Act (CWA), the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program controls water pollution by regulating point sources that discharge pollutants into waters of the United States.

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) issued NPDES Permit Number IN0022829 to the City of East Chicago. The permit authorizes discharges to waters of the United States in accordance with effluent limitations, monitoring requirements and other conditions set forth in the permit. The enclosed Information Request seeks information on sewer overflows, ECSD's response to overflows, and operations and maintenance of the portion of the City of East Chicago's sewer collection system that collects and conveys sanitary and/or combined sewage for treatment to the East Chicago Sanitary District.

EPA is authorized under Section 308(a) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1318(a), to require reports and other information necessary to carry out the purpose of the CWA. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 308(a) of the CWA, you are directed to provide EPA with the information requested in the enclosure.

In accordance with Section V, Paragraph 2 of the Information Request, you must include with your response a statement certifying that all information you submit is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge and belief using the certification language provided in that paragraph.

Any questions that do not directly relate to your municipality's sanitary sewer system operations can be addressed with "not applicable" and a brief explanation.

Please exercise care to assure that responses are complete and accurate because Section 309(c)(2) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(c)(2), imposes criminal penalties where false information is knowingly provided to EPA.

You must submit a written response, with the information requested in the enclosure, within the timeframes specified to:

Water Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Branch (WC-15J)  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590  
Attention: Melissa Hulting, Environmental Scientist

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact Melissa Hulting of my staff by telephone at (312) 886-2265 or by e-mail at [hulting.melissa@epa.gov](mailto:hulting.melissa@epa.gov).

Sincerely,



Patrick F. Kuefler, Chief  
Water Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Branch

Enclosure

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